



**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
Community Center  
340 S. 14<sup>th</sup> St., Room A  
November 29, 2021 – 6:30 p.m.**

Live public streaming available at  
<https://www.burlingtoncolo.com/virtualcouncilmeeting>

## **AGENDA**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Pledge of Allegiance**
- 3. Roll call**
  - A. Mayor Greg Swiatkowski
  - B. Kamron Weisshaar, mayor pro tem
  - C. Mark Burghart
  - D. Brent Carter
  - E. Melvin Gilley
  - F. Adrian Hernandez
  - G. Troy Schultz
- 4. Review and Approve Agenda** (*addresses revisions*)
- 5. Consent Agenda Items**

*Any consent agenda item may be removed from the Consent Agenda and placed under Business if discussion is desired. Otherwise, one motion will pass all items.*

  - A. Approval of Nov. 8, 2021 meeting minutes.
- 6. Public comment** (*Comment is limited to 3 minutes.*)
- 7. Public hearings** – Application for Special Events Permit for Old Town Museum
- 8. Unfinished business**
  - A. Discussion on proposed 2022 Budget
- 9. New business**
  - A. Approval of Ordinance 962 appropriating 2021 ARPA funds for essential workers
  - B. Discussion and approval of citizen-initiated ballot language
- 10. Reports from city departments**

Administrator – Jim Keehne	Economic Development – Rol Hudler
Clerk – Georgia Gilley	Library – Nick McCarty-Daniels
Treasurer – Becky Castillo	Old Town – Nikki Wall
Activities – Tyson Weisshaar	Police – Nate Hill
Airport – Daniel Melia	City attorney – Mike Grinnan
- 11. Council comments**
- 12. Adjournment**

*Emergency matters coming before Council may be discussed, with decisions to be ratified at a subsequent council meeting.*

**BURLINGTON CITY COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION MEETING MINUTES  
County of Kit Carson  
State of Colorado  
Burlington Community and Education Center  
340 S. 14th St., Room A  
November 8, 2021  
6:30 p.m.**

**1. Call to order**

Mayor Greg Swiatkowski called the work session meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Roll Call**

**Council members present:**

Greg Swiatkowski, Mayor  
Brent Carter, Mark Burghart, Kamron Weisshaar, Troy Schultz

**Council members absent:**

Melvin Gilley, Adrian Hernandez

**Staff/Officials present:**

Jim Keehne, Administrator  
Georgia Gilley, Clerk  
Daniel Melia, Airport  
Mike Grinnan, City Attorney

**4. Consent Agenda**

**A. Approval of the Oct. 11, 2021 meeting minutes**

Motion by Burghart and second from Weisshaar to approve the Oct. 11, 2021 meeting minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: absent	Hernandez: absent
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

**5. Public comment – none**

**6. Public hearing – Proposed 2022 Budget**

There were no members of the public present, so there was no need for a public hearing. Keehne used this time to indicate the budget is in compliance with revenues over expenditures except for the Airport Fund, which requires additional information to complete.

**7. Unfinished Business - none**

**8. New Business**

**A. Approval of retail liquor license renewal for Safeway Store Forty-six Inc, dba Safeway Store #2520**

Motion by Burghart and second from Schultz to approve the retail liquor license renewal for Safeway Store Forty-six Inc., dba Safeway Store #2520. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: absent	Hernandez: absent
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

**B. Approval of hotel and restaurant liquor license renewal for Chen Vuong Thai Inc.**

Motion by Schultz and second from Weisshaar to approve the hotel and restaurant liquor license renewal for Chen Vuong Thai, Inc. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: absent	Hernandez: absent
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

Addition to the agenda:

**Approval of hotel and restaurant liquor license renewal for Valson's Restaurants LLC, dba The Post Bar and Grill.**

Motion by Burghart and second from Weisshaar to approve the hotel and restaurant liquor license renewal for Valson's Restaurants LLC, dba The Post Bar and Grill. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: absent	Hernandez: absent
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

**C. Discussion on additional employee benefit providing for Emergent/Non-Emergent Air and Ground Transport through MASA Medical Transport Services**

Keehne proposed that the City provide MASA Medical Transport Services as a benefit for City employees and their families, including council members, municipal judge and city attorney. Cost for the coverage would be approximately \$8,400.

Motion by Schultz and second from Burghart to approve adding an employee benefit to provide for Emergent/Non-Emergent Air and Ground Transport through MASA Medical Transport Services. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: absent	Hernandez: absent
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

**D. Approval of Troy Schultz continuing to serve as municipal representative on the ECCOG board**

Motion by Burghart and second from Weisshaar to approve Schultz to continue as the municipal representative on the ECCOG board. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: absent	Hernandez: absent
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

**E. Approval of 2021 year-end bonus**

Keehne proposed the 2021 year-end bonuses would total approximately \$23,550 and could be funded through ARPA funding. This would be for full-time, regular part-time employees, municipal judge city attorney, and council members.

Motion by Schultz and second from Weisshaar to approve the year-end bonuses. Motion passed unanimously.

Burghart: Aye	Gilley: absent	Hernandez: absent
Weisshaar: Aye	Carter: Aye	Schultz: Aye

**9. Reports from city departments**

In addition to his written report, Keehne noted he contacted Safebuilt to review plans for the Albertons/Safeway project.

Keehne handed out and reviewed the 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter financial report.

G. Gilley reviewed her report from the council agenda packet.

**10. Adjournment**

With a motion by Burghart and second from Schultz, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Motion passed unanimously.

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Greg Swiatkowski, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Georgia Gilley, City Clerk

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**CITY OF BURLINGTON  
ORDINANCE NO. 962**

**AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING SUMS OF MONEY TO VARIOUS FUNDS AND SPENDING AGENCIES IN THE AMOUNTS AND FOR THE PURPOSE AS SET FORTH BELOW FOR THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COLORADO FOR THE 2021 BUDGET YEAR.**

WHEREAS, in accordance with section 9.11 of the Burlington Code of Ordinances the Council may make additional appropriations by ordinance during the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2021, the State of Colorado dispersed to the City of Burlington Three Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand Six Hundred Nineteen dollars and Twelve cents (\$394,619.12), half of the City of Burlington’s American Rescue Plan Act funding to be distributed in certain ways as identified in the Department of the Treasury Rules and Regulations concerning Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds; and

WHEREAS, the City Administrator has verified the receipt of American Rescue Plan Funds, and has determined funds are available by rule to be appropriated in the following manner; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is advised every act making an appropriation, creating an indebtedness, authorizing borrowing of money, levying a tax, establishing any rule or regulation for the violation of which a penalty is imposed, or placing any burden upon or limiting the use of private property without the consent of the owner, shall be by ordinance, and

WHEREAS, it is not only required by law but also necessary to appropriate the funds for expenditures provided in the budget to and for the purposes described below so as not to impair the operations of the City.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, COLORADO, ORDAINS:**

That for the 2021 budget year of the City of Burlington, Colorado the following sums are hereby appropriated from American Rescue Plan Funds to the following funds for the purposes stated:

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Department/Purpose</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>
General	Premium Pay to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency as a one-time payment for workers to meet the daily needs and demands of community.	\$17,200.00
Tourism and Promotional	Premium Pay to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency as a one-time payment for workers to meet the daily needs and demands of community.	\$1,700.00

Electric	Premium Pay to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency as a one-time payment for workers to meet the daily needs and demands of community.	\$1,500.00
Water/Wastewater	Premium Pay to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency as a one-time payment for workers to meet the daily needs and demands of community.	\$2,000.00
Airport	Premium Pay to workers performing essential work during the COVID-19 public health emergency as a one-time payment for workers to meet the daily needs and demands of community.	\$800.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,200.00</b>

City Council hereby finds and declares that an emergency exists and that the public health, welfare, and safety require that this Ordinance shall be and become effective immediately after its final passage and publication.

PASSED, ADOPTED and ORDERED PUBLISHED this 29th day of November 2021.

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 Greg Swiatkowski, Mayor

[SEAL]

ATTEST:

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 Georgia Gilley, City Clerk

STATE OF COLORADO       )  
County of Kit Carson       ) ss.  
City of Burlington        )

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**

That I, Georgia Gilley, the official City Clerk of the City of Burlington, do by these presents, say that the foregoing Ordinance No. 962 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Burlington on the 29th day of November 2021, and that the foregoing Ordinance is a true, correct and full copy of the Ordinance as shown in Ordinance Book 13 of the records of the City of Burlington, Burlington, Colorado.

Dated this 29th day of November 2021.

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Georgia Gilley, City Clerk

STATE OF COLORADO        )  
County of Kit Carson        ) ss.   CLERK’S CERTIFICATION OF PUBLICATION  
City of Burlington         )

That I, Georgia Gilley, the official City Clerk of the City of Burlington, do by these presents, say that the foregoing Ordinance No. 962 and Clerk’s Certificate attached thereto was published in *The Burlington Record*, a weekly newspaper of general circulation in Burlington, Kit Carson County, Colorado on December 9, 2021, and “Proof of Publication” is filed herewith.

Dated this 9th day of December 2021.

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Georgia Gilley, City Clerk



**CITY OF BURLINGTON BALLOT QUESTION**

SHALL THE CITY OF BURLINGTON'S TAXES BE INCREASED BY THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$360,000.00) ANNUALLY IN THE FIRST FULL FISCAL YEAR (2023) AND BY WHATEVER ADDITIONAL AMOUNTS ARE RAISED IN SUCH FISCAL YEAR AND BY WHATEVER AMOUNTS AS RAISED ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THROUGH THE IMPOSITION AND ASSESSMENT OF AN ADDITIONAL SALES TAX IN THE AMOUNT OF SIX PERCENT (6%) ON THE SALE OF RETAIL MARIJUANA AND RETAIL MARIJUANA PRODUCTS SOLD WITHIN THE CITY, WHICH TAX SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO THE GENERAL MUNICIPAL SALES TAX, WITH REVENUES DERIVED FROM SUCH TAX COLLECTED BE USED TO DEFRAY COSTS INCURRED IN REGULATING THE RETAIL MARIJUANA INDUSTRY, OTHER COSTS RELATED TO ENFORCEMENT OF MARIJUANA LAWS AND TO PROMOTE THE GENERAL PURPOSES OF THE CITY OF BURLINGTON AND WITH THE RESULTING TAX REVENUE BEING ALLOWED TO BE COLLECTED AND SPENT NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LIMITATIONS PROVIDED BY LAW, AS A VOTER APPROVED REVENUE CHANGE AND AN EXCEPTION TO THE REVENUE AND SPENDING LIMITS OF ARTICLE X, SECTION 20, OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION AND; SHALL RETAIL MARIJUANA STORES, AS AUTHORIZED BY ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 16 OF THE COLORADO CONSTITUTION, BE ALLOWED IN THE CITY OF BURLINGTON, SUBJECT TO SUCH RULES, REGULATIONS, LIMITATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS AS MAY BE ADOPTED THROUGH ORDINANCE BY CITY COUNCIL?



November 29, 2021

## City Administrator's Summary Report

November 29, 2021

### Administration

**COVID Update** – As of November 22, 2021, there have been over 257 million persons infected by the virus worldwide, up 2.5% over the last two weeks, with over 5.1 million reported deaths attributed to the infection. 18.5% (47.7 million) of all reported cases have occurred in the U.S. which has also reported over 771,000 attributable deaths. Colorado has experienced approximately 816,000 confirmed cases. As of November 19, Kit Carson County has reported 1,097 positive cases, up 87 cases in the last two weeks, with a mortality rate of 20 persons. There continues to be no Kit Carson County directed public health orders (or new State Directed orders) in place for the COVID response. However, it is highly advised to increase social distancing measures and/or improve ventilation in indoor venues in efforts to slow the growing incidence of the virus. It is also recommended to hold large venues in outdoor spaces rather than indoors. Lastly, vaccination is still the preferred option to prevent infection, if not vaccinated, masks are highly encouraged.

**2022 Budget** - Proposed FY 2022 budget was prepared and presented to council at the "Budget Workshop", held October 11, 2021, 5:00 P.M. at the Community and Education Center. Budget discussion and public hearing was held on November 8<sup>th</sup>, with no additional public comments heard. Budget is currently being finalized and prepared for review and adoption at the December 13<sup>th</sup> council meeting.

**MASA Medical Transport Service Employee Benefit** – Currently we are enrolling all employees with this benefit. This will continue through mid- December with benefit beginning January 01, 2022. All staff thanks council and community for this added benefit.

**SAFEbuilt Agreement/Safeway** – Safebuilt completed initial review of plans for remodel of property intended for Safeway. They have recommended a few changes to the plan which are currently being conducted by Safeway engineers. Once changes are made, it will be returned to Safebuilt for final review. Once approved, will have Planning and Zoning Committee will review and hold public hearings for comment. Our goal is to have this all completed by year end with Safeway ready to move quickly after the first of the year. Currently, contractors have been on site to conduct interior demo so they can move quickly into construction phase after Planning and Zoning approval.

**April 05, 2022 Municipal Election** – Currently developing ballot language for Ballot Issue asking the question should taxes be increased through the imposition and assessment of an additional 6% sales tax on retail marijuana. This citizen-initiated ballot issue asks the voters to allow for retail marijuana stores in the City of Burlington with rules, regulations, and restrictions as adopted by council in the form of an ordinance. The ordinance has been finalized and attached to council packet for review. Petitioners for this ballot issue will begin the petition process. Ordinance language still in development process and will be reviewed by City Attorney prior to distribution. Council should have this in hand at December 13 meeting.

Additionally, ballot language is being developed for a Referred ballot issue asking the voters to approve for the assessment of an additional 1% sales tax with all revenues derived from such tax collected be spent for street maintenance and repair to include curb, gutter, sidewalk and alleyways.

And as always, will be three council seats up for election.

**City, EPAWA, and Colorado Department of Agriculture** – On November 23<sup>rd</sup> a meeting was held at City Hall between City staff, EPAWA, and Jessica Evans with Colorado Department of Agriculture to determine rules and regulations surrounding PACFA (pet animal care facilities act), license requirements and best practices for the City and EPAWA to combine services to better serve the community and surrounding area. After the meeting, Evans inspected the City Animal Shelter and EPAWA facility to ensure compliance with PACFA requirements. Next steps are to draft an operating agreement between City and EPAWA so that services can be shared and each retains their respective operating licensure.

**Preparing Request for Proposals for Comprehensive Plan to be distributed prior to year-end.**

## **Operations/Public Works**

- **Water/Wastewater**
  - Daily well checks and testing.
  - Daily checks and maintenance at WWTP
  - Backflow devices being tested. City has 97.5% compliance with this program, exceeding the 90% compliance rate established by State.
  - Aerator at WWTP went down as motor overheated due to entanglement. Motor under repair at this time and will be reinstalled this week.
  
- **Parks**
  - Assisting with Christmas decorations
  
- **Streets**
  - Street sweeping underway.
  - Alley maintenance.
  - Pothole repair and maintenance in process.
  - Equipment maintenance.
  - Assisting with Christmas decorations
  
- **Electric**
  - Substation maintenance and system check performed. Our contracted technician that performs substation maintenance announced his retirement, and a new tech has been found that has visited the city and performed check of system. New company Vertiv-Electrical Reliability Services, Inc. of Denver will be providing services is for ongoing testing, maintenance and repair of sub-station concerns.
  - Christmas Decoration install.
  - Lighting at Old Town

## **Intergovernmental/Upcoming Events**

- Management Team Meeting – In Person at Community Building – Wednesdays 2:00 P.M.
- Council Meeting – Monday November 29, 2021, 6:30 P.M., Community Center Room A, In Person or Virtual
  - Final Budget Discussion
- Council Meeting – Monday December 13, 2021, 6:30 P.M., Community Center Room A, In Person or Virtual
  - Budget Adoption



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To: City council members  
From: Georgia Gilley, Clerk  
Date: Nov. 29, 2021  
Subject: Clerk's report

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Old Town Museum submitted an Application for Special Events Permit for its Winter Wonder Lights Event on weekends beginning December 11 and continuing through January 1, 2022. Combining these dates into one timeframe alleviates issuing multiple event permits for the one event. Notice of Public Hearing was posted in front of Old Town for the required 10 days before tonight's meeting. There have been no protests filed at City Hall.

We are gathering the MASA Air and Ground transport applications from employees. I will have an application for council to complete at the meeting. Enrollment begins December 1, and coverage begins January 1, 2022.

Next week we have a Tech Steering virtual meeting with Reach. These monthly meetings allow us to stay in touch with Reach with technical problems, needs, progress and ideas. Additionally, I will be meeting with Suzy at Reach to come up with a procedure for onboarding and offboarding employees when it comes to issuing email addresses, cell phones, laptops and other IT equipment.

No additional employees reported positive COVID-19 test results.

**COVID-19 update**

City employees testing positive:

2021 total to date: 7

2020 total: 10

**Grand total: 17**



To: City Council  
From: Becky Castillo, City Treasurer  
Date: 11/23/2021  
Re: Treasurer's Report

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- Utility billing has been back to normal since April. If a customer pays their utility bill after the 15<sup>th</sup> the penalty assessed is 10% of the account unpaid balance. Shut off occurs on the 25<sup>th</sup> or next business day and has an additional penalty of \$70. We have a solo customer that we are still working with to get their account caught up from COVID. Ashley did a great job at keeping track of all the catch-up payment agreements and making sure customers followed through with their payments.
- COVID-19 precautions have been lifted at City Hall. We have hand sanitizer and masks available. Masks are optional to enter the office. To help prevent the spread all utility payments can still be made online through Xpress bill pay or by dropping off payments in the night drop at City Hall.
- Process payroll on a bi-weekly basis, payroll taxes, and monthly Utility and Airport Sales tax.
- Process accounts payable weekly.
- My Notary Commission is expiring in January, so I have started to process to renew my Colorado Notary Public Commission. Trainings and exams are done online and will be completed before my current commission expires.
- The training Lorraine gave me a few months ago has allowed me to get started on and make good progress with the bank reconciliation for October. Due to an unfortunate situation the training for this month has been postponed. I will be getting more training to continue to gain more pieces of the process for reconciliation and will be trained on adjusting and correcting mistakes that take place in the GL. There are many pieces to making sure all the accounts balance correctly so I am looking forward to gaining more knowledge as I receive more training.
- Outback Bus is back to 2 drivers. Currently, the drivers are enjoying and able to balance the extra hours. We will re-evaluate a 3<sup>rd</sup> driver when the need arises.



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## Burlington Activities Department

### November 15, 2021

→ Martial Arts and Soul Steppin' Studio continues to operate on a monthly registration fee, with the city collecting 15% from each program. Both programs are excellent and have a good following.

→ Future Cougars Basketball Skills Camp has wrapped up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade boys and will wrap up for the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls, and all the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders on Saturday, Nov. 20. This was a great camp as we had a total of 78 kids register. I really want to thank both Coach David Norton and Coach Keenan Williams for really taking this on, instructing with their other basketball coaches and several of their high school players for helping as well.

→ Registrations are going on now for the City Traveling Basketball program for boys & girls in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. We are also attempting to try an intramural program for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grades, which will be co-ed, much like our summer t-ball and machine pitch programs. Registration deadline is November 30, with a parent meeting scheduled for December 5. Hopefully teams will all get started before school goes on Christmas break. This program will go through early March.

→ The annual Youth Council Haunted House went very well this year. The kids did a tremendous job with the 5 days they had to get it built and we operated on Oct. 30 with the family-friendly version 3-5pm and then the "scary" version 7-9pm. We took in just shy of \$3,000 and all the proceeds will go towards the annual Youth Council Scholarships that are presented at Senior Awards Night in May.

→ The community center continues to be busy with rentals throughout each week and several weekend events. We do slow down on the weekends in November and December, but with the holiday seasons of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's, that isn't very shocking. Just glad to see the weekdays staying busy. The two land auctions that were held back on Nov. 9 & 10 went very well. The upgrade to fiber helped us tremendously as both auction companies were live streaming and taking bids online as well as in person.

→ The Gift Gala took place on Nov. 6. We would have liked to have had more vendors, but overall, the show itself was good, and the flow of shoppers was fairly steady throughout the day. The Craft Fair is scheduled for Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm. Hopefully we will see a few more vendors for this show and have increased shoppers for this event.

→ Preparations are underway for the Breakfast with Santa event, which is scheduled for Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup>. With shipping delays affecting nearly everything, staff has begun working on this event to make sure we can have everything on-hand for this event. Much like other events in 2020, this one was altered to a drive-thru, so we are very excited to be back to an in-person/in-building event. We are planning to serve a pancake and sausage breakfast and have games and activities for kids to participate in, as well as visit Santa just one week before Christmas day.

→ **Other Activities in the works:** Rentals of Community Center, City Travel Basketball, Craft Fair, Breakfast with Santa



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## Council Report 11.29.2021

- Continuing dead tree removal (50 so far)
- Performing maintenance on snow removal equipment
- Finished winterizing summer equipment(sprayers)
- Repaired water leak in a water valve near the well and installed a water meter

### October 2020 Fuel

Total- 3,313.10 Gallons

Avgas- 1,438.08 gallons

Jet fuel- 1,875.02 Gallons

Gross sales- \$ 9,711.02

### October 2021 Fuel

Total- 2,841.16 Gallons

Avgas- 517.12 Gallons

Jet fuel- 2,324.04 Gallons

Gross sales- \$ 11,199.54



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT FROM ROL

Safeway began preliminary work on the remodeling of their new store on Tuesday, Nov. 16.

The facility will have approximately 10,000 square feet more space than at its present location. It will house a bakery and deli, which I am sure will be a huge hit with food consumers throughout the area.

The company is spending a considerable amount of money in order to provide all area residents with a good shopping experience.

In my conversations with Jim, we both agree that this will provide Burlington with a huge economic uplift.

We already have many shoppers coming to the present Safeway store from Cheyenne Wells, much of Kit Carson County, Kanorado, Goodland, Idalia and even Wray. Hopefully, this new store will see a dramatic increase in business from people throughout the area.

This new addition certainly has the potential to help other businesses in Burlington to register an increase in gross sales.

New Colorado House and Senate maps have now been approved by the Colorado Supreme Court.

The maps were drawn by Colorado's Independent Redistricting Commission and they will be in effect for the 2022 election.

There were a number of big changes made with the new lines in urban, suburban and rural areas. This means voters could find themselves in a new district with a different set of candidates on their ballot.

This certainly holds true for voters in Kit Carson County. Our current senator, Jerry Sonnenberg, resides in Sterling which is in Logan County. In the new maps, Logan County is no longer in our district.

Composing the new district are the following counties: Kit Carson, Elbert, Lincoln, Cheyenne, El Paso, Crowley, Otero, Las Animas, Huerfano, Baca, Prowers, Bent, small portion of Arapahoe and Adams counties.

To the north of us, Washington, Yuma, Phillips, Sedgwick, Morgan, Logan, Weld counties are another district for the Colorado Senate.

I would say they are in a much better position than the southern part of the state.

In the Colorado House of Representatives, we are joined with the following counties: Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, El Paso, Elbert, parts of Arapahoe and Adams.

Rod Pelton is our current representative and we are remaining in his district.

I would say we will now have to wait and see if the new redistricting gave us a leg up or a leg down.

REPORT FROM THE 2020 CENSUS

*From Ro 1*

According to Wikipedia, Burlington's census at the conclusion of the 2020 census was 3,172.

It is now the 95<sup>th</sup> largest city in Colorado and the 6,169<sup>th</sup> largest city in the United States. According to Wikipedia, Burlington is currently declining at a rate of 0.93 percent annually. It has decreased in size by 27.55 percent since the most recent census, which recorded a population of 4,254 in the 2010 census.

As we have discussed previously, in the 2010 census, the city was given an additional 500 in population because of the Kit Carson Correctional Center.

If you add back the 500 inmates, the population would be 3,672, which would imply Burlington has lost 582 residents. Obviously, we cannot add back the 500 number from Core Civic.

However, the new census numbers indicate Burlington has lost 1,082 residents since the 2010 census.

The RE-6J School population was 830 in 2010. In 2020, the October count was 742. This represents a drop of 88 students.

Even if you calculated 4 people per household, taking 88 student count times 4, you have only a loss in population of 352. I need to remind you that 4 people per household is probably very strong.

However, if you add the 352 total to the 500 inmates, you have a loss of 852 residents.

Goodland's population is 4,315; Colby, 15,570, Wray, 2,375, Yuma, 3,479

Population in Kit Carson County in 2010 was 8,270; in 2020 census, 7,087, a decline of 1,183.

It appears that the only towns in Kit Carson County with any growth are Vona, up 9.5 percent, to 106 residents. Seibert up 17.7 percent to 207.

Stratton had a decline of 4.5 percent to 627; Bethune declined by 0.85 of a percent to 183; Flagler declined from 561 in 2010 to 549 in 2020, a decline of approximately 2 percent.

There is no question we have lost population; however, I believe Burlington has added additional population in just this last year.

We presently have only a few rentals and according to the internet, we only have 16 houses for sale at the present time.

Hopefully, there are better times ahead.

## ^ Demographics

### Historical population

Census	Pop.	%±
1890	146	—
1900	183	25.3%
1910	368	101.1%
1920	991	169.3%
1930	1,280	29.2%
1940	1,280	0.0%
1950	2,247	75.5%
1960	2,090	-7.0%
1970	2,828	35.3%
1980	3,107	9.9%
1990	2,941	-5.3%
2000	3,678	25.1%
2010	4,254	15.7%
2020	3,172	-25.4%

U.S. Decennial Census

As of the census<sup>[12]</sup> of 2010, there were 4,191 people, 1,478 households, and ? families residing in the city. The population density was 1,995.7 people per square mile (776.1/km<sup>2</sup>). There were 1,478 housing units at an average density of 703.8 per square mile (273.7/km<sup>2</sup>). The racial makeup of the city was 84.3% White, 6.2% African American, 1.2% Native American, 0.5% Asian, 0.1% Pacific Islander, 8.5% from other races, and 0.90% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 27.5% of the population.

There were 1,287 households, out of which 32.9% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 53.0% were married couples living together, 8.6% had a female householder with no husband present, and 34.7% were non-families. 30.3% of all households were made up of individuals, and 13.9% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.47 and the average family size was 3.11.

In the city, the population was spread out, with 25.2% under the age of 18, 8.6% from 18 to 24, 32.8% from 25 to 44, 19.7% from 45 to 64, and 13.7% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 36 years. For every 100 females, there were 121.6 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 126.2 males.

## The Library

11/29/21

- Story times
  - Classic on Wednesday
  - Toddler on Saturday
  - Science Day! first Friday of the month
- Colorado Humanities Grant
  - \$3,000
  - Historical Digital Archive expansion
- Continue to accept book donations
- 2 for 1 deal in the Book Store
- Begin to accept applications for part-time

**Checkouts:** 859

**Visits:** 687

**Programs:** 8 for 70 people

Nick McCarty-Daniels

## November 2021 City Council Report—Old Town Museum

- Old Town Ghost Town was a success. We had 23,000 pieces of candy on hand for our 20 buildings, and we ran out of candy by 4:15! We estimate that we had roughly 700 kids show up plus parents.
- We are hard at work getting lights strung for Winter Wonderlights. Our staff and volunteers have been hard at work making Old Town look magical. Dates for the 2021 season will be Dec 11<sup>th</sup>, Dec 17 & 18, Dec 20-22 and Dec 27-28 and the 31<sup>st</sup>. We have added an additional photo op (totaling 5), about 15,000 lights, horse drawn wagon rides are back, the Hitchcock train on 4 nights, and we will have holiday adult beverages in the saloon for an additional fee. This event sold out on 3 nights last year, so we anticipate it to grow this year. We are still seeking volunteers to help us cover the various areas for the event.
- Small Business Saturday is Nov 27<sup>th</sup>, we will have some promotions running in the store. Ladies Night is scheduled for Dec 8<sup>th</sup> from 4pm-8pm, we will have a coupon for ladies to use that night as well as an enter to win giveaway. Both of these days have been great revenue generators for us historically, so we are looking forward to them.
- Our event rental calendar for next year is filling up already, we are looking forward to a fully booked summer and fall season of rentals.
- November attendance and revenue has surpassed that of 2020 with 6 days left in the month.

## **Police Department Council Report November 2021**

- The Burlington Police Department assisted with the Trunk or Treat event on Halloween. The event was a great success. The Police Department handed out a few hundred hotdogs and had a great time.
- All of the Burlington Police sworn staff were trained and certified in TVI pursuit intervention technique. A big thank you to Yuma Police Department for hosting and facilitating this training. The purpose of this training is to teach officers to stop dangerous pursuits as soon as they have the opportunity to safely do so.
- Burlington Police Department has the Breakfast with Santa event coming up December 18<sup>th</sup> at the Community Center and we are looking forward to cooking several hundred pancakes to serve at the free community breakfast.
- Burlington Police Department will be assisting with the Parade of Lights on December 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM.
- Burlington Police Department will be assisting with the kickoff to Christmas on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.
- Burlington Police Department recently began using AT&T First Net mobile internet and phone service. This is a dedicated service which gives the user priority service in emergencies when the cell towers may otherwise be overwhelmed by use.
- Burlington Police Department recently received mobile fingerprint readers which allow for more immediate and definite identification of people to assist with investigations.